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Mr. James Davis, PhD, Director New Mexico Environment Department Resource Protection Division P. O. Box 5469 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Dr. Davis:

Re: Request for Extension to Comment Period for the Draft Human

Health Risk Assessment Work Plan, Lampbright Investigation Unit (LIU)

Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) hereby requests an extension for submitting comments on the *draft Human Health Risk Assessment Workplan* for the Lampbright Investigation Unit as per the Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC), Article XIV, Section A. Chino received the draft work plan from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on January 19, 2012, via email and the current response period for comment submittal is February 20, 2012. Chino requests an additional 15 days to formulate comments for submittal to the NMED by March 6, 2012.

Please contact Mr. Ned Hall at (520) 393-2292 if you have any questions regarding this extension request. Your consideration and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Eastep, Manager Environment, Land & Water

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